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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir

The Applicants enclose Form PTO-1449 together with a copy of each of the two (2) listed non-US publications. The documents were cited in a Japanese Official Action dated October 8, 2010 and are submitted under 37 CFR §1.56. The enclosed publications are believed related in view of their mention in the Official Action.

The Applicants certify that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from any foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago.

The Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be officially entered into the file and that appropriate notification be made that it was considered by the Examiner.

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